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1. I MET WITH UK AMBASSADOR FOSTER AND FRENCH CHARGE MAS
AFTERNOON MAY 5 TO DISCUSS INVITATIONS FROM SED CENTRAL
COMMITTEE STATE AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS TO ATTEND MAY 8
CEREMONIES AT TREPTOW AND THE STATE OPERA "ON THE OCCASION
OF THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION FROM
HITLER FASCISM BY THE GLORIOUS SOVIET ARMY. ALSO
DISCUSSED SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO ATTEND
RECEPTION.

2. I PRESENTED THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE INVITATIONS ALONG
THE LINES OF REFTEL AND SAID THE MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED
TO WASHINGTON FOR GUIDANCE. I EXPRESSED THE BELIEF IT
WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO ATTEND THE FUNCTIONS SINCE THE
INVITATION AND LAST YEAR'S PERFORMANCE IGNORED ALLIED CON
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TRIBUTION TO WORLD WAR II VICTORY AND EXTOLLED THE SOVIET
ROLE AND MILITARY. I NOTED THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER
BEIL HAD ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM MONDAY MORNING, JUST
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO THE U.S., AND THEREFORE IT WOULD
NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE TREPTOW CEREMONIES.

3. AMBASSADOR FOSTER SAID HE WAS INCLINED TO GO ALONG WITH

MY POSITION REFTEL BUT WOULD SEEK GUIDANCE FROM LONDON. HE NOTED THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR BAYLE IS ON LEAVE. HENCE FOSTER WILL TELL LONDON THAT IF HE ATTENDS THE TREPTOW FUNCTION HE WOULD BE THE ONLY AMBASSADOR OF THE THREE ALLIED POWERS TO DO SO; HIS PRESENCE WILL THEREFORE BE EVEN MORE OBVIOUS. FOSTER ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT PLANNED TO ATTEND THE ABRASSIMOV RECEPTION IN ANY CASE BECAUSE OF A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT. ALSO, HE FOUND THE LANGUAGE IN ABRASSIMOV'S INVITATION TO BE OBJECTIONABLE AND THERE IS NO REASON TO ATTEND TWO SOVIET FUNCTIONS IN THE SAME DAY.

4. FRENCH CHARGE MAS SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BAYLE HAD RECOMMENDED TO PARIS AGAINST ATTENDING THE FUNCTION AT THE STATE OPERA BECAUSE OF THE WORDING OF THE INVITATION. IN RESPONSE, PARIS HAD INQUIRED ABOUT THE WORDING IN LAST YEAR'S INVITATION TO THE STATE OPERA; HOWEVER, THIS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AS IT IS NOT AVAILABLE. ACCORDING TO MAS, PARIS SAW NO REASON NOT TO ATTEND IF THE WORDING WAS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR WHEN ALLIES WERE PRESENT AT THE STATE OPERA AND OTHER FUNCTIONS.

5. MAS SAID BAYLE DID NOT SEEK GUIDANCE FROM PARIS ABOUT TREPTOW AND THE ABRASSIMOV RECEPTION; THE FRENCH EMBASSY PLANS TO BE PRESENT AT BOTH. HE ADDED THAT BAYLE SAW A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ATTENDANCE AT THE TREPTOW SOVIET MEMORIAL AND THE STATE OPERA. FOSTER NOTED THAT THE INVI-
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TATIONS CAME FROM THE SAME SOURCE; THE WORDING WAS EXACTLY THE SAME AND THEREFORE HE DID NOT SEE ANY DISTINCTION. MAS SAID HE WOULD SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM PARIS.

6. I PLAN TO MEET OVER THE WEEKEND WITH MY BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE REQUESTED REFTEL. BOLEN

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